State/UT	Total No. of Districts	Districts Surveyed	Districts Endemic
A & N Islands	2	2	2
Chandigarh	1		1
Daman & Diu	2		1
D & N Haveli	1		1
NCT Delhi	9		1
Lakshdweep	1		0
Pondicherry	4	4	2
TOTAL:	593	321	260

Endemic = prevalence rate of 10% or more

Scarcity of drugs

601. SHRI BALWANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there are no live saving medicines available in Government Hospitals for the patients of dog bites, snake bites, etc;

(b) if so, whether the patients of dog bites and snake bites are not getting treatment in time due to non-availability of live saving medicines in the hospitals; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) In so far as the Central Government Hospitals in Delhi *i.e.* Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Lady Hardinge Medical College & Associated Hospitals and All India Institute of Medical Sciences are concerned, all life saving medicines including the drugs required for dog bite; snake bite *i.e.* Anti Rabies Serum, Tissue Culture Vaccine and Anti Snake Venom Serum are available and the patients of dog bites and given the required treatment.

Infant mortality rate

602. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the infant mortality rate in the country as per. the finding of UNICEF and the State-wise break-up in percentage terms; and

(b) whether any special schemes have been launched in the country to ensure availability of nutritious food and supplements for infants in the backward regions and among economically weaker sections of the society?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The date on Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) in the country is maintained by the office of the Registrar General of India (RGI). Latest estimates on infant mortality rate as available from the Sample Registration System (SRS) of Registrar General of India is for the year 2003. The State-wise break up is given in enclosed Statement (See Below)

(b) Government of India has initiated several measures to improve the nutritional and health status of infants, young children, pregnant and lactating mothers including those in the backward regions and economically weaker sections. These are promotion of exclusive breastfeeding till six months of age, timely introduction of complementary feeding; programme for supplementation with iron and folic acid and vitamin A. The integrated child development services scheme is being gradually expanded. This scheme aims at holistic development of children from birth to six years of age and lactating mothers from disadvantageous sections of society. The services include immunization for infants, health check up, pre school non formal education and supplementary nutrition for both children and pregnant mothers.

Statement

Infant Mortality Rate, India and Bigger States, 2003

India and Bigger States	
India	60
Andhra Pradesh	59
Assam	67
Bihar	60
Gujarat	57
Haryana	59
Karnataka	52
Kerala	11
Madhya Pradesh	82
Maharashtra	42
Orissa	83
Punjab	49
Rajasthan	75
Tamil Nadu	43
Uttar Pradesh	76
West Bengal	46

Source: Office of Registrar General of India